

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2 of the application as filed, please replace the first paragraph (paragraph [0001] of the published application no. 20040045919) with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

This application claims priority from co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/436,363, filed November 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,154 which issued on December 30, 2003.

On page 4 of the application as filed, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 (paragraph [0012] of the published application no. 20040045919) with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In FIG. 1, a cross-sectional side view of a shelving apparatus is disclosed. The shelving apparatus comprises a standard 10 and a track 100. The embodiment of the standard 10 shown comprises a front surface 50 and back surface 55, as well as a top portion 60. The front surface 50 defines slots 70 (as shown in FIG. 3), which in other embodiments can be of any size and shape such that a shelving bracket may be mounted thereto. Alternatively, instead of slots, any other means of mounting a bracket, such as protrusions, may be used on front surface 50. As shown in FIG. 1, the back portion 55 of the standard 10 defines an opening 20 for supporting the standard 10 on the track 100. The opening 20 defines an upper surface 30 and lower surface 40, and is preferably U-shaped such that such upper and lower surfaces are generally horizontal in orientation. The opening, however, can be of any shape such that it can receive and be supported by an opposing supporting member and is preferably slidable along that member. The opening 20 can be located on any portion of the standard such that it is supported by engaging with a track.

On page 5 of the application as filed, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 (paragraph [0015] of the published application no. 20040045919) with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Alternative embodiments of support portion 120 may also be used. Such alternative configurations need only provide an upper and bottom surface adapted to engage opening 20, or other means to support the standard 10 while preferably allowing the standard to slide if desired. Additionally, support portion 120 is not required to be at the bottom of track 100, but can be located at any place on the track such that it can engage with an opening on the back surface of a wall standard and provide the benefits as described above. Preferably, however, support portion 120 is located in a position that when inserted into opening 20, lip 110[[.]] will be engaged with front surface 50 of standard 10. Thus, as shown in FIG. 1, distance y (the distance between the top 60 of the standard and bottom of the lip 110) is preferably greater than distance x (the space between the lower surface 40 and bottom surface 150 when the upper surface 140 of the track 100 is in contact with the upper surface 30 of the standard's opening 20). Also, track 100 may be of any cross-sectional design such that it provides the benefits as described above.

On page 6 of the application as filed, please replace the first paragraph (paragraph [0016] of the published application no. 20040045919) with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

In an alternative embodiment[[.]] as shown in FIG. 4, lip 110 may be eliminated altogether by support portion 120 both providing support and keeping the standard 10 connected to the track. For example, support portion 120 can comprise not only upper and bottom surfaces 140 and 150, but can comprise extension 160 that provides the same function as did the lip 110. In one such embodiment (as shown in FIG. 4), extension 160 prevents the standard 10 from disengaging from the track 100 by engaging a notch (or hole) 72[[70]] in opening 20. The notch 72[[70]] and

extension 160 may be located on the opening 20 and support member 120 respectively (or vice versa) in any position such that they can engage each other and prevent the standard 10 from disengaging from track 100. The standard is also preferably slidable along the track 100 in this embodiment.

On page 6 of the application as filed, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 (paragraph [0017] of the published application no. 20040045919) with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

A method of mounting the standard 10 to track 100 is also disclosed herein. Track 100 is first secured to a wall or other surface, preferably in a substantially horizontal manner. A top portion of the standard 10 is then inserted under lip 110 and standard 10 rotated such that the opening 20 on the back 55 of the standard 10[[55]] engages the support portion 120 of the track 100. The standard 10 may then be slid along track 100 until it is in a desired position and then attached to the wall to prevent further movement along the track 100.